



Minutes from the January 16, 1999 Meeting

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The Fernald Citizens Advisory Board met from 8:40 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 1999, at the Large Laboratory Conference Room on the Fernald site. The meeting was advertised in local papers and was open to the public.

Members Present:

French Bell
Jim Bierer
Sandy Butterfield
Marvin Clawson
Jack Craig
Gene Jablonowski
Mike Keyes
Ken Moore
Graham Mitchell
Robert Tabor
Fawn Thompson
Thomas Wagner
Gene Willeke

Members Absent:

Lisa Crawford (excused)
Pam Dunn (excused)
Jane Harper
Darryl Huff
Dan McElroy
Ray Wurzelbacher

Designated Federal Official:

Gary Stegner

Phoenix Environmental Staff:

Douglas Sarno
Gwen Doddy

FDF Staff:

Tisha Patton
Sue Walpole

Approximately 10 spectators also attended the meeting, including members of the public and representatives from DOE, Fluor Daniel Fernald, and the University of Cincinnati.

1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Bierer called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

2. Announcements and New Business

Doug Sarno announced that he and Gene Willeke plan to attend the Transportation External Coordination Working Group Meeting on January 20–22, 1999. The DOE is hosting the meeting of a wide spectrum of groups which are impacted by DOE transportation, including non-profits, local governments, and emergency responders.

Jim Bierer announced that Nye County officials and NTS CAB members will visit Fernald on February 9, 1999. Several CAB members and local government officials will tour the site and review waste packaging and transportation programs. FCAB members are scheduled to dine with the visitors at 4:30 p.m.

The Silo 3 contract, estimated at \$16 million, was awarded to Rocky Mountain Remediation Services. Rocky Mountain Remediation will chemically stabilize the waste and form bricks which will be placed on pallets, put in metal boxes, and shipped to the Nevada Test Site (NTS).

On December 28, 1998, the DOE HQ approved the waste declaration for 938 Metric Tons of Uranium at Fernald, which includes low-enriched residues such as incinerator ash, and depleted feed and product material.

3. FCAB Reorganization

The Steering Committee proposed a new organization for the FCAB, consisting of three committees: Remediation, Stewardship, and Steering. The Remediation Committee will be chaired by Gene Willeke and will cover the following issues: transportation, silos, waste pits, OSDF, D&D, and Nuclear Materials Disposition. The Stewardship Committee will be chaired by Pam Dunn and will cover the following issues: Fernald Living History Project, Native American issues, Historic Preservation, site archiving, Museum/Cultural Center, ecological restoration issues, stewardship planning and funding, and coordination with the "Natural Resources Working Group". The Remediation Committee will meet on Wednesday nights, the Stewardship Committee on Thursday nights. The Steering Committee will retain the same members and will meet occasionally to chart the direction of the FCAB. The Steering Committees members are: Jim Bierer, Lisa Crawford, Pam Dunn, Bob Tabor, Tom Wagner, and Gene Willeke.

Sarno suggested an annual evaluation of the structure of the FCAB. With two committees, workload and membership can be more evenly divided, and one meeting night established per month for each committee will allow members to know when meetings are scheduled throughout the year. The full board will oversee more issues, including overall progress monitoring, review of monitoring results, budget review, and advocate for Defense Closure funding. This will allow all members to stay informed. The Committees will be responsible for all issues within their scope to determine whether the full board or the committee should focus on a specific topic.

Jack Craig suggested that the Stewardship Committee work with the Natural Resource Trustees as the Trustees are now thinking about the future land use at Fernald.

The members of the Remediation Committee are Sandy Butterfield, Lisa Crawford, Darryl Huff, Dan McElroy, Fawn Thompson, Tom Wagner, Gene Willike, and Ray Wurzelbacher. The members of the Stewardship Committee are: Jim Bierer, Marvin Clawson, Mike Keyes, Ken Moore, and Bob Tabor.

Sarno emphasized the importance of attending all meetings; the attendance policy of the full board will apply to the committees. If a member cannot attend meetings he/she must call the office to let them know.

Bierer encouraged all the CAB members and the public to attend the DOE monthly progress briefings, which are held the second Tuesday of the month. Everyone is also welcome to attend both Committee meetings.

Sarno reviewed the 1999 Key Fernald Activities sheet which will be used to develop a work plan. This list is not an exhaustive list and individuals were encouraged to add items. Gene Willeke indicated that Silo 1 needs to be added to June's list.

Sarno also reviewed the new recommendation procedures. A new form will be used to better assist the tracking of recommendations. A standard recommendation form, with the recommendation number, date, type, and response requested date, will be attached to a letter from the Chair. The recommendations will continue to be summarized in chart format.

4. Fernald Waste Transportation Update

Craig updated the Board regarding transportation issues. The DOE Fernald is awaiting DOE HQ approval to restart shipment of waste. The Ohio Congressional Representatives and other elected officials are meeting with the DOE during the week of the 25th to discuss the progress of the site, specifically waste shipment. Craig had a conference call with the Nevada DOE (DOE-NV) concerning the truck route. The DOE-NV has told the DOE Fernald that they prefer that trucks discontinue driving through downtown Las Vegas. The DOE Fernald will select an alternate route, one which avoids Las Vegas, and will get bids from the carriers reflecting this new route. The most preferable route is through California; however, the stakeholders would need further involvement. The DOE Fernald expects the first shipment by the end of February.

The DOE will become more aggressive regarding intermodal transportation. DOE-NV prefers intermodal transportation because it avoids Las Vegas and Hoover Dam; a final decision is expected in October. Craig is encouraging the staff at Fernald to complete all necessary steps to start intermodal transportation by then if it is the selected mode.

5. Draft Transportation Workshop Agenda

Sarno announced that the Off-Site Committee discussed the core topics and agenda for the SSAB Transportation Workshop. The core topics include; 1) routing and mode (rail, truck, and intermodal); 2) packaging, safety, and risk assessment; 3) stakeholder involvement and risk communication; 4) notification and emergency response. Stakeholder involvement and risk communication's subtopic is public perception about the risk and presentation of information to the community. The FCAB is more informed regarding transportation issues than those SSABs who have not yet dealt with transportation issues. Through this workshop, the SSABs have the opportunity to raise awareness, and exchange ideas and views with other SSABs. Also from this workshop,

joint recommendations can be written regarding transportation, and these recommendations will be more powerful as they represent multiple SSABs.

The original workshop dates were Thursday, May 13 – Sunday May 16, 1999. Due to difficulties finding a hotel, additional dates are being evaluated. The workshop will likely be held at the Vernon Manor, located near downtown Cincinnati. The draft agenda is as follows:

Thursday 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Reception
Friday 8:00 – 12:00 noon	Tour of the Fernald site
Friday 1:00 – 6:00 pm	Welcome and overview Discussion of workshop goals Site introductions Panel presentations and Q&A on core topics Discuss conference approach and plan for breakouts
Saturday 8:00 – 10:00 am	Plenary discussion on core topics - Identify key stakeholder concerns on core topics
Saturday 10:00 – 12:00 noon	Breakout groups on core topics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop draft workshop statements on concerns• Identify one possible joint SSAB recommendation
Saturday Lunch	Luncheon speaker (to be determined)
Saturday 1:30 – 3:00 pm	Reconvene breakout groups
Saturday 3:15 – 5:00 pm	Preliminary results of breakout groups presented <ul style="list-style-type: none">• discuss statements of stakeholder concern• discuss possible joint SSAB recommendations
Saturday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	Breakout groups to revise statements as necessary
Sunday 8:00 – 12:00 noon	Statements finalized Recommendation language reworked as time permits Next steps and followon activities identified

Fluor Daniel Fernald will pay for Thursday's reception. The Friday morning Fernald Site tour will emphasize transportation issues, and the Saturday morning plenary discussion will consist of brain-storming on the core topics. Attendees will form breakout groups, with one member from each SSAB in each of the topic groups and the other SSABs' facilitators will help facilitate the groups. The breakout groups will try to identify one or two possible joint recommendations.

The FCAB will develop templates of various fact sheets concerning transportation, to aid each site to create its own. Each site will receive both the fact sheets from the other sites and a compilation fact sheet.

Bierer would like to review the fact sheets prior to the conference. Sarno replied that he plans to get the information to attendees before the conference, and by February, a registration packet will be sent. Willeke suggested developing a fact sheet on each receiving site, in addition to each SSAB site. Ken Moore asked about future workshop

topics and locations. Sarno replied Oak Ridge will host the next workshop which will be on Stewardship.

Wagner stated that the SSABs usually tour the site at the meeting location and it has become an important ingredient of the workshop. He emphasized the importance of the CAB members to help plan and run the event.

6. Fernald Future Use Planning

Bierer announced the Fernald Habitat Area is now complete and open from dawn to dusk. He also asked if the FCAB should write a letter of recommendation to the DOE HQ for funding the disposal of the 938 Metric Tons of waste Uranium. Craig stated the DOE Fernald's request to HQ for more money for this project was denied due to lack of funds. By the end of March an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed, relaying details about the process. The FCAB will wait to comment until the EA is released.

Next, Joe Schomaker presented an update on the Fernald Cultural Resources Management Program. The basic topics of the Fernald Cultural Resources Management Program are 1) cultural resource investigations, 2) preserving "Cold War" properties and artifacts 3) Native American reburial, and 4) Museum/education facility.

Schomaker announced that the entire Fernald site has been declared a historical site. This means a data recovery must be done on all buildings and areas which are currently slated to be destroyed. All the buildings on the site have been documented and 128 historical sites have been found at Fernald. The Cultural Resource Management Project is working with several Native American Tribes regarding Native American Indian Reburial. These groups include: the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, Shawnee Tribe of Missouri (Eastern Shawnee), the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (Absentee), Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma, Wyandot Tribe of Oklahoma, Seneca Indians, NY, Potawatomi, Kickapoo, and the Chipewa. Additional stakeholders in historic preservation include: the Department of Interior, NAGPRA – Review Committee, State Historic Preservation Office (Ohio), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Department of Energy (offices in Washington, Ohio Field Office, and Fernald), FRESH, FCAB, CRO, and Crosby Township Historical Society. The Cultural Resources Management has written a letter to the DOE HQ and the Department of the Interior for support to rebury the Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Indian remains on the Fernald Site. New technologies are available to manage the areas without the need to have a guard on site and it can be both protected and accessible to the public.

Wagner asked Schomaker how much land would be necessary for the reburial site. Schomaker replied possibly eight to ten areas although there is still uncertainty as the U.S. Government and various tribes have yet to discuss the issue. Bierer thanked Schomaker for his presentation.

Wagner stated the future land use issue is an important focus of the Stewardship Committee and needs to be properly emphasized. Craig added that the question of funding the future site also needs to be addressed. Bierer stated the FCAB wants to form a working group of stakeholders in order to help determine the path of stewardship. Craig said it would be helpful to decide what type facility or center is planned in order to integrate it into the clean-up process. Graham Mitchell added it will be less expensive, for example, to add trails in conjunction with the clean-up process.

Willeke asked Craig if the DOE Fernald has a ten-year access plan, because the access of the site will change over the years. There is none. Willeke suggested a plan might be helpful to determine the future of the site.

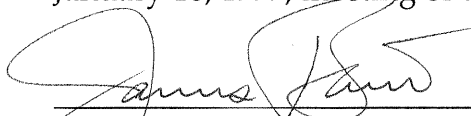
7. Public Comment

Bierer opened the floor to public comment.
There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

Jim Bierer adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

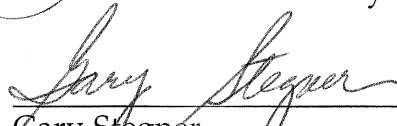
I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the
January 16, 1999, meeting of the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board.



James Bierer, Chair
Fernald Citizens Advisory Board

3/10/99

Date



Gary Stegner
Designated Federal Official

3/12/99

Date